

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1.) Claim Amendments

The Applicant has amended claims 1, 5-9, and 13-16. Applicant respectfully submits no new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 1-16 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

2.) Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a)

Claims 1-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Koskiahde (WO 03/047183) in view of Veerepalli, *et al.* (US 2003/0153325). The Applicant extremely appreciates the Examiner's comments and has amended the pending independent claims to more clearly and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant considers as his invention.

As disclosed in the present application, in order to enable mobile units to receive data units (such as incoming packets) while having access to multiple networks or links, a decision data memory is used for associating one or more "care of addresses" (second type routing addresses) with a particular home address (first type routing address). The mobile unit then uses a "binding update" procedure for modifying the decision data memory with relevant "care of addresses." Applicant submits that such decision data memory and "binding update" procedures are also disclosed by the references cited by Examiner. However, Koskiahde and Veerepalli only show the mobile units modifying the decision data memory using such binding update procedures. Unlike the cited reference, the present application discloses and recites an invention wherein

"a management part for said decision data memory, wherein said management part provides a first interface to said decision data memory for modifying said decision data and a second interface to a network control function entity allowing said network control function entity access to said decision data memory for modifying said decision data independently from said mobile nodes."

In accordance with an embodiment of the present invention, a management part of the decision data memory provides a second interface to a network control function

entity allowing the network control function entity to access and modify the decision data memory independently from the mobile nodes. As an illustration, Fig. 8 of the present application shows a network control function entity (51) having access to the decision data memory (42) via a management part (43) independently from the mobile unit (47). As further described in the present invention, such a network control function entity having independent access to the decision data memory provides an overall network control over the available resources. For example, the present application further explains that

"it is possible that while a mobile node has indicated to the data unit processing entity that it wishes to receive data units over a forwarding address that is associated with one radio link of a plurality of available radio links, the network control function may override that request by writing a different forwarding address into the decision data, e.g., because the radio link associated with the forwarding address selected by mobile node is over-loaded while another available radio link is under-utilized." Page 6, lines 8-16.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that nothing in Veerepalli or Koskiahde discloses or teaches such management part having a second interface to a network control function entity for allowing access and modification to the decision data memory independently from the mobile nodes. For example, all of the paragraphs cited by the Examiner in Veerepalli merely show a mobile unit changing the information regarding its IP address and fails to disclose or teach a system allowing a network control function entity to be interfaced to a management part for modifying the decision data memory.

Applicant therefore respectfully submits that independent Claims 1 and 9 are novel and unobvious in view of the cited references. All remaining claims dependent on independent claim 1 or 9 and recite further limitations in combination thereof. Therefore, the allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

3.) Prior Art Not Relied Upon

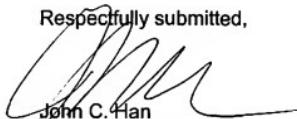
On page 6 of the Office Action, the Examiner stated that the prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to the Applicant's disclosure.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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